(b) whether it is also a fact that there are several sources who could prepare thesis, on behalf of somebody who could get doctorate later;

(c) whether there is an understanding of this kind of deal on the part of Guides also; and

(d) what are the effective measures and initiatives that could curb this kind of malpractices once or all, and avoid the stigma attached to the genuine doctorates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No such cases have come to the notice of the Government. Universities have their own procedures with regard to the award of Ph. D degrees. University Grants Commission has constituted a Committee to frame guidelines to standardize the quality of M. Phil/Ph. D degree.

Reservation in Centrally funded educational institutions

3594. SHRIDARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court, on 10th April, 2008, upheld 27 per cent quota for Other Backward Castes (OBCs) in Centrally-funded educational institutions, but kept out the creamy layers;

(b) if so, by when OBC quota would be implemented and notified by the Central Government;

(c) whether Government proposes to review backward quota list after every five years; and

(d) if so, whether identification of backward classes is being done solely on the basis of caste, or other factors like poverty, social backwardness, economic backwardness, etc. would also be taken into consideration, indicating whether any view would be taken on quota in private institutions and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have issued directions to Central Educational Institutions to implement reservation in admission from the forthcoming academic session, as per the provisions of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 and in accordance with the directions of Supreme Court of India in this regard.

(c) and (d) Section 11 of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 provides for decennial revision of the Central Lists of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. According to the National Commission for backward Classes, there is a full set of guidelines devised by the Commission in the light of which requests for Inclusion and complaints of Under-Inclusion in the Central Lists of OBCs are examined and advice is tendered to the Centra! Government. The guidelines relate to the social, educational and economic status of the caste/community. A Legislative bill is under consideration for reservation in admission in private unaided institutions and no time limit has been fixed for its finalization.